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for cementing national union, and supporting with vigour the most momentous contest in which we are engaged.

Resolved, almost unanimously—10th, That an humble address and petition be presented to both Houses of Parliament, imploring them to take such measures for revoking the Orders in Council, as they in their wisdom may think proper.

Resolved, dissentient only six—11th, That the address and petition now read be adopted.

Resolved, dissentient only three—12th, That the Right Honourable the Lord Lieutenant of the County, and the Right Honourable Lord Calthorpe, be requested to present the same to the House of Lords, and Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bart. and Dugdale Stratford Dugdale, Esq., members for this county, to the House of Commons; and that they be also requested to give it every support in their power.

Resolved, unanimously—13th, That the following gentlemen be nominated a committee, for the purpose of taking any measures which they may deem necessary for the attainment of this great object; and that they have power to add to their number, and report proceedings, as occasion may require.

LIST OF THE COMMITTEE.

*Walter Wm. Capper Joseph Lediard  
Henry Perkins Charles Lloyd  
Timothy Smith Terius Galton  
Thomas Potts Thomas Phipson  
Joseph Shore John Towers Lawrence  
William Redfern Thomas Lakin Hawkes  
Jeremiah Ridout Thomas Hadley  
Simon Walker Joseph Webster  
John Francis Harry Hunt  
Thomas Astbury James Pearson  
William Cross Samuel Baker  
J. W. Crompton John Ryland, jun.  
William Harrold Benjamin Cook.*

Resolved, unanimously—14th, That the resolutions now passed, be signed by the Chairman, and published in such papers as the committee may think proper.

THOMAS ATTWOOD, Chairman.

The High Bailiff having retired, and Richard Spooner, Esq. having been called to the Chair,

Resolved, unanimously, on the motion of Mr. Richard Bird, seconded by William Villers, Esq.—15th, That the thanks of this meeting be given to the High Bailiff, for his able and impartial conduct in the Chair.

Resolved, unanimously—16th, That the

thanks of this meeting be given to the High Bailiff, for his constant and zealous attention to the interest of the town.

RICHARD SPOONER.

HAMPDEN CLUB.

At a meeting of Friends to Parliamentary Reform, holden at the Thatched-house Tavern, St. James's-street, April 20, 1812,

WALTER FAWKES, Esq. in the chair.

Resolved, That a Society be instituted, which shall have for its object the securing to the people the free election of their Representatives in the Commons House of Parliament.

That such Society be called the Hampden Club, and that the Gentlemen whose names are underwritten be considered as its founders:

E. Blount, Esq.	T. Northmore, Esq.
G. Blount, Esq.	W. Peter, Esq.
J. Brander Esq.	Sir W. Pilkington,
S. Brooksbank, Esq.	Bart.
T. D. Broughton, Esq.	J. H. Powell, Esq.
Sir F. Burdett, Bart.	C. Rashleigh, Esq.
M.P.	C. Rowlls, Esq.
W. J. Burdett, Esq.	R. W. Sleat, Esq.
Mont. Burgoyne, Esq.	S. T. Southwell, Esq.
F. Canning, Esq.	E. Stackhouse, Esq.
T. J. Clarke, Esq.	Sir J. Throckmorton, Bart.
H. Clifford, Esq.	J. B. Trevannion, Esq.
T. Clifford, Esq.	J. West, Esq.
J. Dalrymple, Esq.	T. Holt White, Esq.
P. Du Cane, Esq.	G. Wilbraham, jun.
Walter Fawkes, Esq.	Esq.
E. J. Glynn, Esq.	C. Wolseley, Esq.
Rear Admiral R. Graves	M. Wood, Esq. Ald.
S. C. Graves, Esq.	Sir W. Geary, Bart.
J. Grigby, Esq.	T. Rider, Esq.
J. Grimstone, Esq.	T. Papillon, Esq.
W. Henywood, Esq.	E. B. Clive, Esq.
M.P.	R. Knight, Esq.
G. Johnstone, Esq.	T. B. Monck, Esq.
T. Jones, Esq.	R. Canning, Esq.
G. Langston, Esq.	C. E. Handford, Esq.
R. Lewis, Esq.	W. Wallace, Esq.
G. Lister, Esq.	Row. Alston, Esq.
H. Lys, Esq.	

Resolved, That by the laws and statutes of this realm, the subject has settled in him a fundamental right of property; and that he is not compelled to contribute to any tax, or other charge not set by common consent in Parliament.

That according to Sir Edward Coke, the members of the House of Commons ought to be "General Inquisitors of the realm, for the maintainance and execution of the laws; and for the redress of divers mischiefs and grievances."

That according to the first Statute of Westminster, Anno 3 Edw. I. A.D. 1275, "Because elections ought to be free, no Great Man, (haut homme,) or other, by force of arms, nor by malice, shall disturb any from making free election."

That according to the celebrated declaration of King William III, for restoring the laws and liberties of England, article 18th, "All elections of Parliament men ought to be free, to be made with an entire liberty, without any sort of force, or the requiring the electors to chuse such persons as shall be named to them."

That according to the constitutional position of the late Lord Camden, "Taxation and Representation are inseparable."

And that Parliament should be of a continuance agreeable to the English constitution.

Resolved, That it is a notorious fact, that nearly one half of the members of the house of Commons are not chosen by the people; it being clearly expressed in the records of Parliament, that evidence having been tendered to prove the fact at their bar, "That eighty-four individuals do by their own immediate authority send one hundred and fifty-seven members; that one hundred and fifty more are returned by the recommendation of seventy powerful individuals; making the total number of patrons only one hundred and fifty-four, who return in the whole to the

house of Commons three hundred and seven members."

That thus, by the actual state of the representation the subject's fundamental right is openly violated, as great numbers are taxed who have no voice in the election of members of parliament.

And that the present continuance of parliament is of a most dangerous and unconstitutional duration.

Resolved, That it appears to the members of this club, that the present corrupt practice of the government of this country differs most widely from the principles of its constitution. That this deviation from the fundamental laws of the land, and the want of that identity which in this country ought to subsist between the representative and the represented, are in a great degree the cause of those evils under which this nation is suffering; and that therefore a reform of the representation in the Commons House of Parliament is alike necessary to the constitutional independence of the crown, the liberties of the people, and the safety of the country.

Resolved, That the members of the Hampden Club pledge themselves to use every exertion in county meetings and in all other meetings warranted by the constitution in conjunction with their countrymen, to induce the House of Commons to take this important subject into their early and serious consideration, and to restore to the country her real constitution and ancient laws.

Resolved, That it is the determination of this club, to confine their resolutions and exertions strictly to the procuring a Reform in the representation of the people.

JOHN DAVIS, Secretary.

PETITION OF THE PROTESTANTS IN IRELAND, IN FAVOUR OF CATHOLIC  
EMANCIPATION.

*Signatures obtained at Armagh.*

George Wilson, Darkley	John Kane	Samuel D. Simpson, Ann-
Alex. M'Kinstry, Keady	Matthew Bell	Mount
James Kidd, jun. Millmount	John Duncan	Wm. Harrington, B.W. Town
George Kidd, Keady	John Simpson, M.D.	John Simpson, Cavanagrove
J. Barklie, Newholland-green	Henry Kidd	Thomas Prentice
James Stephen	William Oliver	Adw. M'Cartney, Rosebrook
Thomas Simpson	William Newburn	Joshua Vogan
John Wynne	Thomas Campbell	John Barnes
Samuel Maxwell	John Simpson, Linen-hill	John Jackson, Acton
John Scott	James M'Kean	William Bell
Robert Cochran	Robert Cochran	John Mc. Trew, Market-hill
James Stuart	William Brown	John Hardy, Ann-Vale
Andrew Davidson	James Cuning	Andrew Lyle